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CALL TO ORDER: President Walker called the October 18, 2022, meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA, with the following members present: Felicia Dennis, Betsy Buckingham, Lou Rivera, Edquina Washington, Vice President, and Sandie Walker, President, with President Walker presiding.

Members of the Administration in attendance included: Blanda Nace, Chief Opportunity Officer; Monica Kruger, Director of Health; Scott Miller, Chief of Staff; and Jason Sabol, Assistant Solicitor.

Members of York City Council staff in attendance included: Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk.

- I. Public Comment: None
- II. Called Legislative Meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
- V. Moment of Silence observed.
- VI. Action on previous meeting Minutes of [October 4, 2022](#). Council dispensed with the reading of the minutes and unanimously approved them as written.
- VII. Proclamations, Awards and Announcements
- VIII. Meeting(s) Scheduled:
 - ▶ **Council Committee Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Committee agenda items are due by 12 noon on October 26th.
 - ▶ **Legislative Meeting:** The next legislative meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Agenda items are due by 12 noon on October 26th.
- IX. Status of Prior Committee Referrals:

► **Bill No. 54** - ([View](#)) At Council's [10/4/22](#) meeting, Bill No. 54, a Bill amending Article 145 "Police Department" of the Codified Ordinances to remove the 100 police officer hiring cap, establish a Detective Commander position, and update language as recommended by the Police Dept. to make the department more effective and efficient, was referred back to committee for further discussion. Bill No. 54 is slated to appear on Council's 10/26/22 committee agenda.

X. Legislative Agenda:

Final Passage of Bills / Resolutions

1. Final Passage of Bill No. 51 (FAILED) - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (To support Economic Development and Redevelopment activities through the purchase and redevelopment of the 28 parcels of land containing approximately 17.3 acres commonly known as the Dentsply West College Avenue Campus in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development
Note: At the [10/4/22](#) meeting, Council voted to defer consideration of final passage of Bill No. 51 to its 10/18/22 meeting. The related Resolution ([Res. 108](#)) regarding the Letter of Intent (LOI) to purchase the Dentsply Campus did not pass. There was no motion to reconsider the Letter of Intent and therefore, the LOI is not part of tonight's legislative agenda.

Final Passage of Bill No. 51, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 budget To support Economic Development and Redevelopment activities through the purchase and redevelopment of the 28 parcels of land containing approximately 17.3 acres commonly known as the Dentsply West College Avenue Campus in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, which was introduced by Washington at the September 20 meeting of Council, and deferred at the October 4 meeting to the October 18 legislative meeting. On motion of Washington, seconded Rivera, Bill No. 51 FAILED by the following vote: Yeas - Rivera - 1; Nays - Dennis, Buckingham, Washington, Walker - 4.

2. Final Passage of Bill No. 53, Ordinance No. 51 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 City Budget. ([View](#)) (As follows: **(1)** Highway Bureau of the Public Works Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures associated with the recent sale of a dumpster truck and intended purchase of a skid loader and attachments for paving and patching of streets and potholes, and a down payment on a new street sweeper, in the total amount of \$130,984.00, and **(2)** Department of Economic & Community Development by appropriating revenue and expenditures associated with the Local Sourcing Initiative, in the total amount of \$25,000.00.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Public Works (Highway) | Economic & Community Development

Final Passage of Bill No. 53, Ordinance No. 51, A Bill amending the FY2022 Budget as follows: **(1)** Highway Bureau of the Public Works Department by appropriating revenue and expenditures associated with the recent sale of a dumpster truck and intended purchase of a skid loader and attachments for paving and patching of streets and potholes, and a down payment on a new street sweeper, in the total amount of \$130,984.00, and **(2)** Department of Economic & Community Development by appropriating revenue and expenditures associated with the Local Sourcing Initiative, in the total amount of \$25,000.00, which was introduced by Washington at the October 4 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Washington, seconded by Rivera, Bill No. 53, Ordinance No. 51, PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

3. Final Passage of Bill No. 55, Ordinance No. 52 - A Bill Amending Article 1728 "Vacant Property Review Committee" of the Codified Ordinances. ([View](#)) (To update the definition of "blighted property" to make it consistent with state law, and to increase the terms of committee members.)
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Solicitor's Office

Final Passage of Bill No. 55, Ordinance No. 52, Session 2022, A Bill Amending Article 1728 "Vacant Property Review Committee" of the Codified Ordinances to update the definition of "blighted property" to make it consistent with state law, and to increase the terms of committee members, which was introduced by Rivera at the October 4 meeting of Council and read by short title, came up for final passage. On motion of Rivera, seconded by Dennis, Bill No. 55, Ordinance No. 52, PASSED by the following vote: YEAS - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

New Business

4. Introduction of Bill No. 56 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For Public Works to fund the removal of the Bascule Gate Dam located on the Codorus Creek just north of Philadelphia Street as required by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$500,000.00)
Introduced by: Felicia Dennis
Originator: Public Works

Introduction of Bill No. 56, Session 2022, A Bill amending the FY2022 Budget for Public Works to fund the removal of the Bascule Gate Dam located on the Codorus Creek just north of Philadelphia Street as required by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers by appropriating expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" funds in the amount of \$500,000.00, was introduced by Dennis, read by short title, and deferred to the November 1 meeting of Council.

5. Introduction of Bill No. 57 - A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget. ([View](#)) (For Permits & Inspections to fund the unexpected additional cost to the emergency demolition of 38 East South Street in the amount of \$59,300.00)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Permits & Inspections

Introduction of Bill No. 57, Session 2022, A Bill Amending the FY2022 Budget for Permits & Inspections to fund the unexpected additional cost to the emergency demolition of 38 East South Street in the amount of \$59,300.00, was introduced by Washington, read by short title, and deferred to the November 1 meeting of Council.

Items for Consider of Consent Agenda

Motion to consider consent agenda. A motion was made by Rivera, seconded by Dennis, to consider agenda items 6, and 8-11 as a consent agenda.

President Walker asked if Council requests to pull any items from the consent agenda. There were no requests.

The motion to consider agenda items 6, and 8-11 as a consent agenda passed by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

President Walker asked if there was any Council, Administration, or public comment on the consent agenda items. There was none.

Vote on consent agenda items. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Buckingham to approve agenda items 6, and 8-11. The motion was seconded by Washington and PASSED by the following vote: Yeas - Dennis, Buckingham, Rivera, Washington, Walker - 5; Nays - 0.

6. Resolution No. 113 - A Resolution
Accepting the recommendations of HARB. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: HARB

Resolution No. 113, Session 2022, A Resolution accepting the recommendations of HARB in issuing certificates of appropriateness to the following for work to be done: Application filed by Teresa Johnescu for work to be done at 31 S. Queen St., Application filed by Don Portner for work to be done at 231 S. Beaver St., Application filed by Darren Kinnard for work to be done at 466 E. Market St., Application filed by Michael Doweary for work to be done at 108 S. Pershing Ave., and Application filed by Luis Vazquez for work to be done at 404-408 W. Philadelphia St., was introduced by Washington and approved unanimously by consent agenda.

7. Resolution No. PULLED. (Was included in error) - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with A Plus Inc ([View](#)) (To demolish a wall located at 36 E. South St.)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Permits & Inspections
Note: Agreement did not require Council approval as the contract amount is \leq less than .10% of the General Fund.

8. Resolution No. 114 - A Resolution
Authorizing a budget transfer. ([View](#)) (\$3,000 for legal advertising)
Introduced by: Betsy Buckingham
Originator: City Clerk

Resolution No. 114, Session 2022, A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds in the FY2022 budget in the amount of \$3,000 for legal advertising expenses, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

9. Resolution No. 115 - A Resolution
Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health. ([View](#)) (For Epidemiology & Lab Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) in the amount of \$6,038.895.96 to expand COVID testing services)
Introduced by: Edquina Washington
Originator: Economic & Community Development | Health

Resolution No. 115, Session 2022, A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the PA Department of Health for Epidemiology & Lab Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) in the amount of \$6,038.895.96 to expand COVID testing services, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

Monica Kruger said this has to do with multiple grants from 2020. These are not discretionary funds, and they were all lumped together.

Councilman Rivera said the Health Department will have to do better in getting their items submitted to the City Clerk by the deadline. He said Council was asked to waive the committee requirement because this item was submitted late.

Director Kruger said that it is out of her control. She said they submit their items to the administration in a timely manner and the administration holds on to it for some reason. She said the issue is duly noted.

10. Resolution No. 116 - A Resolution Proclaiming November 1, 2022 as Extra Mile Day. ([View](#))
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Council

Resolution No. 116, Session 2022, A Resolution proclaiming November 1, 2022, as Extra Mile Day in the City of York, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

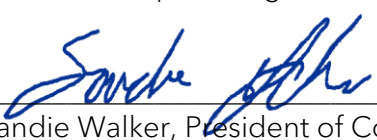
11. Resolution No. 117 - A Resolution Extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency. ([View](#)) (To 11/30/22)
Introduced by: Lou Rivera
Originator: Mayor

Resolution No. 117, Session 2022, A Resolution extending the declaration of disaster emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic to November 30, 2022, was approved unanimously by consent agenda.

- XI. Requests for Future Meetings
- XII. Council Comment
- XIII. Administration Comment
- XIV. Adjournment: The next legislative meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 101 S. George St., York, PA. There being no further business, the October 18, 2022 meeting of Council adjourned at 6:23PM.
- XV. Resumption of Public Comment Period (at the discretion of the presiding officer): None



Dianna L. Thompson, City Clerk



Sandie Walker, President of Council